

ST. JOE STATE PARK

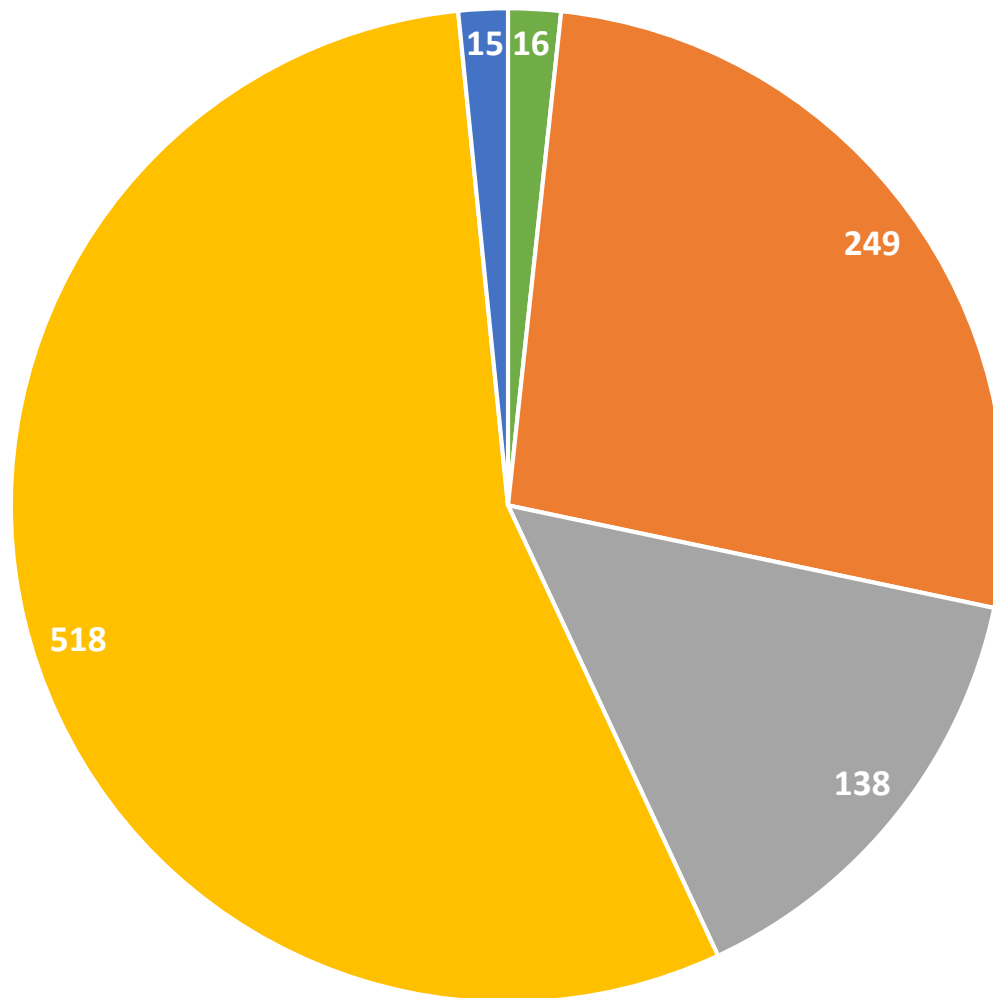
CDP SURVEY #1 RESPONSES

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QUESTION #1

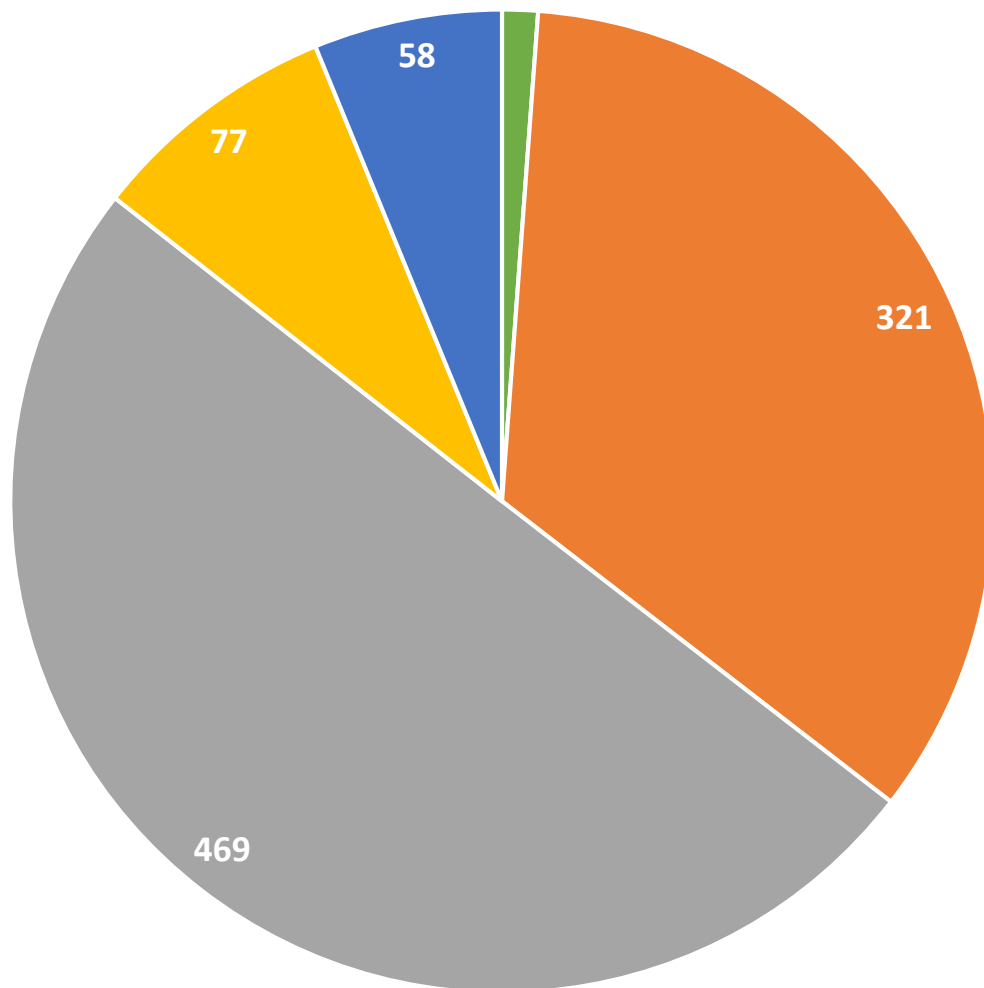
HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT THIS STATE
PARK?



■ Daily ■ Monthly ■ Weekly ■ Occasionally ■ Never

QUESTION #2

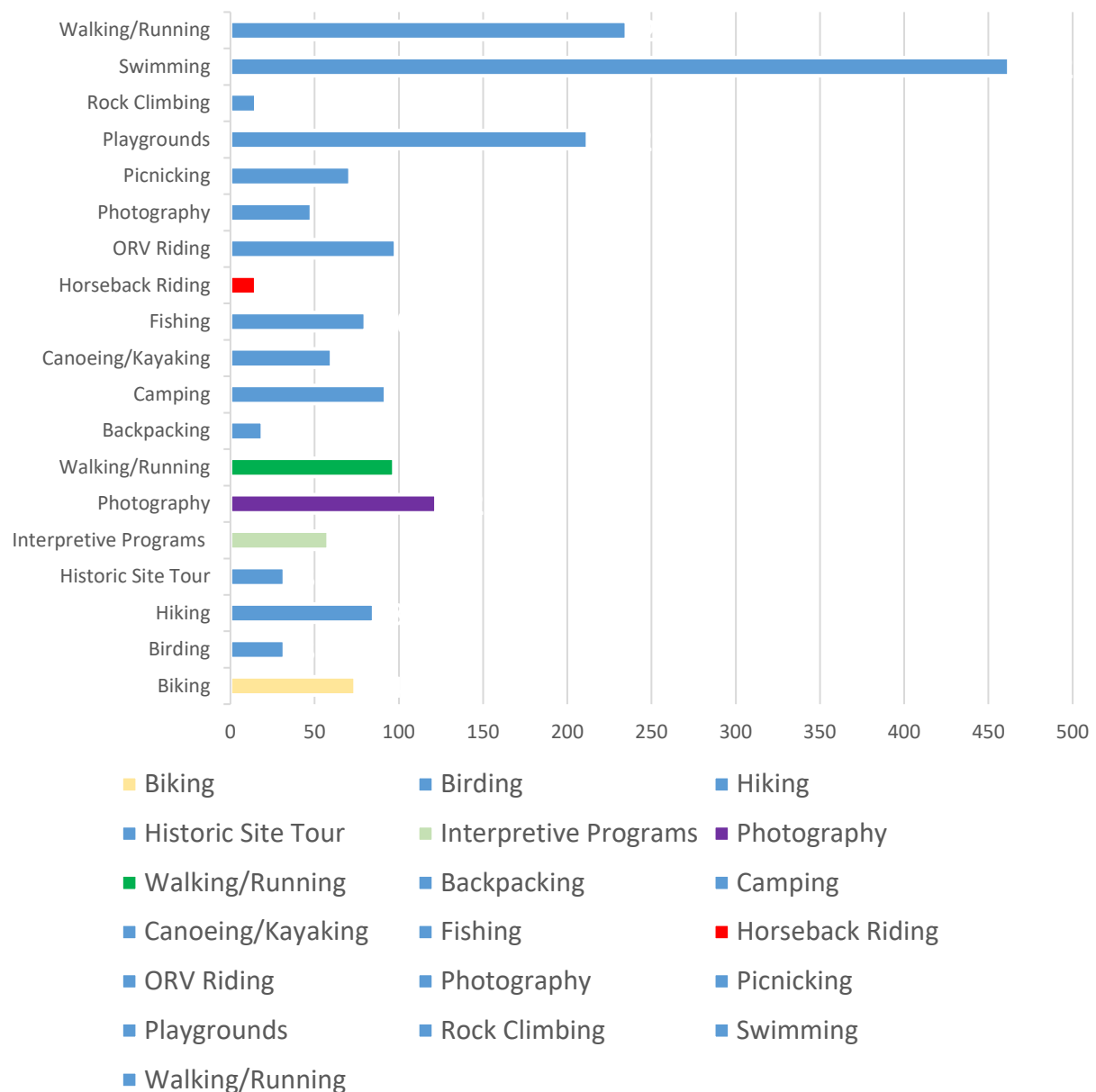
WHEN YOU VISIT THIS STATE PARK, WHO
USUALLY JOINS YOU?



■ Club or Organized Group ■ Family ■ Family and Friends ■ Friends ■ Self

QUESTION #3

WHICH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE
YOU ENGAGING IN DURING YOUR
VISIT(S)?

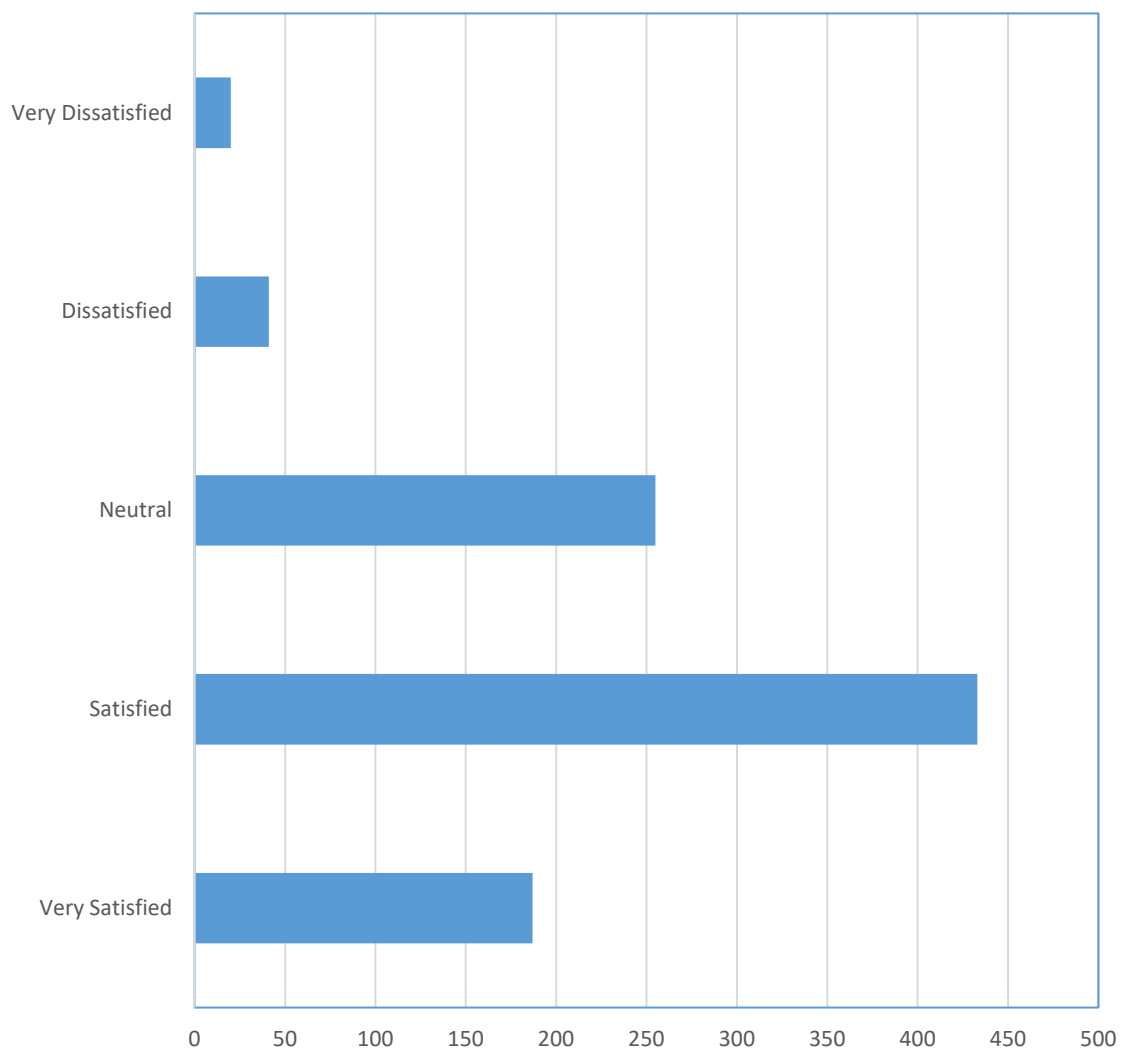


OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. A lot more if you had more to offer!
2. ATV and UTV riding
3. ATV riding
4. Botanizing (looking at wild flowers and plants)
5. Caliper collar
6. dirt bike
7. Dirt bike
8. Dirt bike riding
9. Dirt biking
10. Dirt bike only
11. Dirt bike should be its own category
12. Dirt biking
13. Harescramble and enduro
14. Haven't been there yet
15. I run on the paved trails and off-road trail.
16. Laying on the beach
17. Looking at pretty rocks
18. motorcycle
19. Museum.
20. Mushroom hunting
21. Mushroom hunting
22. observing and recording the massive number of wildflowers
23. Off-roading
24. Off-roading
25. OHV area
26. Our granddaughter plays in the sand at water's edge
27. People watching
28. Put some cabins in please.
29. RC truck
30. Relaxing
31. Shooting range
32. Slowing down speeders on Pimville Road. I live here and it's awful.
33. Taking a scenic drive or stopping at one of the lots to eat our lunch
34. The bike trail is in a pathetic condition compared to other trails of its likeness
35. Volleyball
36. Watching ORVs

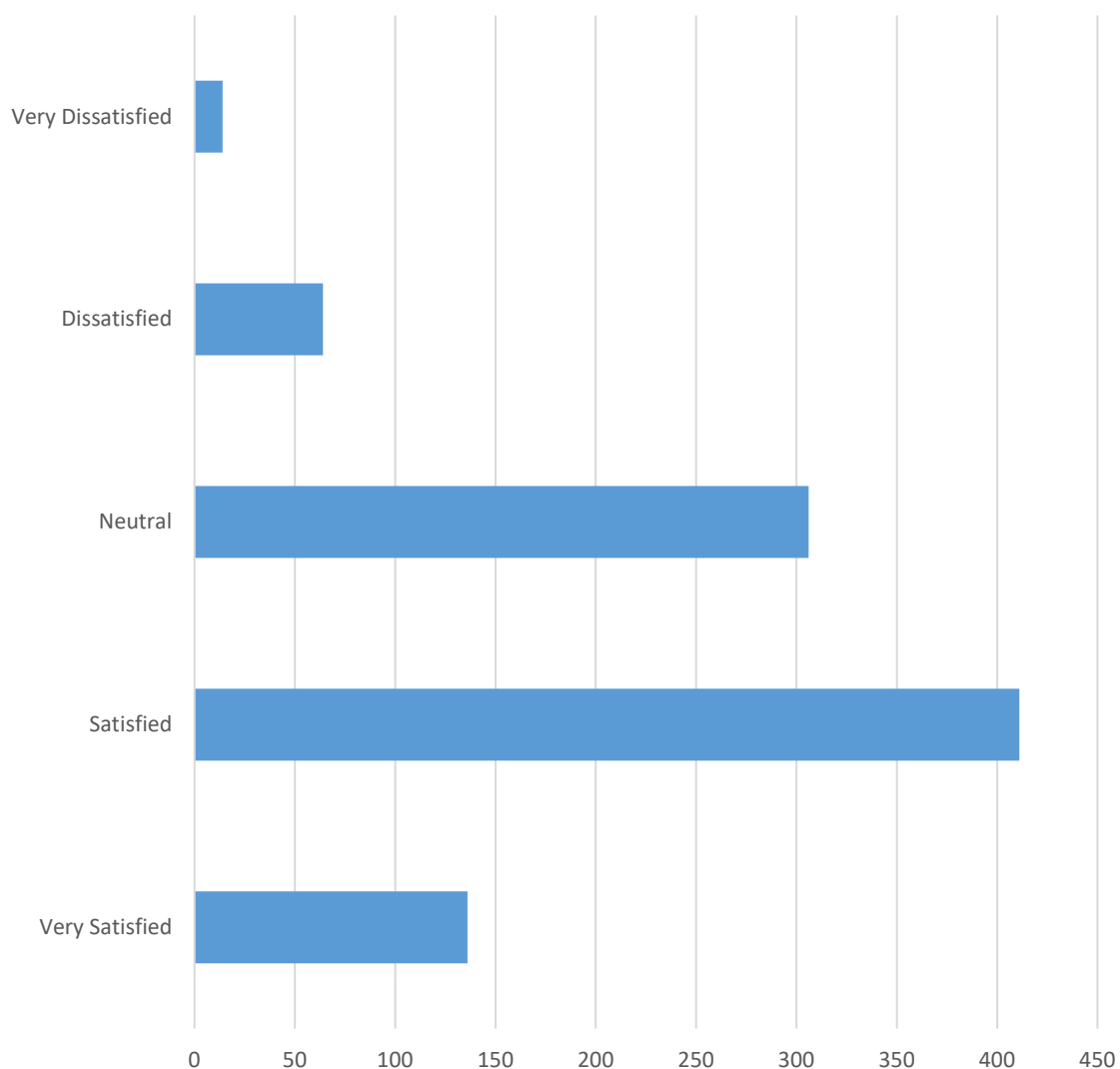
QUESTION #4

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THIS STATE
PARK OFFERS?



QUESTION #6

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES THIS
STATE PARK OFFERS?



OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

QUESTION #5:

WHAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY, IF ANY,
DO YOU FEEL IS MISSING AND SHOULD BE
ADDED TO THIS STATE PARK TO ENHANCE
THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE?



1. 1-mile of the paved trail closed 35-days the last two years by groups who shouldn't have the authority to do so.
2. A clean safe place to swim (pool). Mudding - places for people to go mudding on 4 wheelers, trucks, etc. (There is NOTHING around here for people who like to do that).
3. A dirt bike/ATV race track
4. A dirt bike only section to keep us 2 wheel guys safer.
5. A dirt bike only section, smaller trails that aren't ran through by scams and without the fear of being ran over.
6. Cabin camping
7. A dirt bike only section. It not only raises the amount of fun for people on dirt bikes but also raises safety for them by not having to worry about head on collisions with side by sides or four wheelers.
8. A kids riding area.
9. A larger playground or perhaps one closer to the lakes.
10. A more safe area for young riders. The open areas invite high speed runs. Maybe near the parking lot. Close off a large area with a path in and out of the parking lot for safe passage.
11. A nether lack.
12. A place to rinse sand off before getting in the car.
13. A play ground near the swimming area.
14. A playground nearby the lake and more picnic areas.
15. A pool.
16. A pool at the ORV campground or splash pad.
17. A pool!
18. A pool.
19. a splash pad maybe.
20. Access to the lake while riding.
21. Add archery and trap/skeet to range.
22. Add areas outside of the current orv area for motorcycles only.
23. All good ascis.
24. Amp Theater.
25. An area for dirt track or sand track with jumps mapped out track.
26. An Mx track.
27. An updated playground would be awesome!
28. Archery range.
29. Archery season for deer and turkeys.
30. ATV rentals. I think would bring in more business.
31. Beach.
32. Better access to all the lakes would be nice.
33. Better bathrooms. Myself and my children do not like using them because of the smell and state of the bathrooms.
34. Better fishing areas.
35. Better horseback trails cleaned up and nicer also better camping area for big horse trailers it's hard to get around with our big camper and maybe better fishing and a lake to launch a boat on but mainly horse trails.
36. Better mountain biking.
37. Better playground area.
38. Better play grounds.

39. Better playground.
40. Better playgrounds & more accessible.
41. Better playgrounds for the kids and a cleaner area for swimming. The water seems to be contaminated a lot which keeps me from coming as often as I would.
42. Better promotion, more opening of Fairgrounds Drive entrance.
43. Better swim opportunities like a splash pad or more family friendly swim options.
44. Better swimming.
45. Better swimming area.
46. Better swimming areas! More clean!
47. Better swimming areas, more picnic areas.
48. Better trail management.
49. Bigger and better play area for kids.
50. Bigger area for children to ride their ATV's.
51. Bike wash needs higher pressure.
52. Bird watching station.
53. Boat rentals.
54. Cabins.
55. Cabins or IT'S that could be rented.
56. Cabins, boat/kayak rentals, concession stand/food and drinks.
57. Callisthenic gym for adults.
58. Can't think of anything.
59. Challenge Courses.
60. Children areas to play on.
61. Clean restrooms every so often.
62. Clean swimming area.
63. Clean The Lakes.
64. Cleaner bathrooms.
65. Cleaner swimming area.
66. Cleaner water for swimming, like it was when I was a kid!
67. Definitely pickleball courts!!!! Nowhere in Farmington do we have courts with nets.
68. Designated one direction sand tracks for dirt bikes or ATVs.
69. Dining.
70. Dirt bike only section before a side by side kills someone and they are ruining everything and you guys keep closing parts of the park.
71. Dirt Bike only trails.
72. Dirt bike track.
73. Dirt bike only area
74. Dirt bike only sections—single track, etc.
75. Dirt bike ONLY Trails and sections!
76. Dirt bikes on the mine side.
77. Disc Golf.
78. Disc Golf.
79. Disc golf.
80. Disc Golf and Mountain bike trails with obstacles (like at Echo Bluff state park).
81. Disc golf.
82. Dog beach, opening the gate back up that goes from the campground to the main road.

83. Dog park.
84. Dog park, or an area for dogs, would be awesome!
85. Ecosystem exploration - Creek wading with nets, Geochaching, Soil and Water Sampling.
86. Enhance the swimming area. More covered tables or tables.
87. Enjoy the open field that St Francois has that's open to multiple recreational activities.
88. Enlarge riding area up.
89. Floating dock with water slide.
90. For us, no, nothing missing. We really enjoy the ORV riding there.
91. Frisbee golf, shooting range.
92. Full hookups for RV's. We need water and sewer at the campsites so we can stay for a week. We love St Joe, but can't stay longer than 4 days due to the lack of full hookups.
93. Full hookups in the campground.
94. Give back all the single track only trails taken away from dirt bike riders you did a long time ago. Also make them safer to ride as well because its very dangerous w/o proper markings. Stop making this a SxS haven only and bring this place back to its former glory and it will benefit the park more. St. Joe needs major improvements!!!
95. Good play and picnic area, splash pad.
96. Haven't really ventured outside the ofv park. But should and would like too. All Missouri state parks are beautiful.
97. Hiking trails accessible from the main campground.
98. Homeschool lessons.
99. Hunting archery.
100. I feel like the place would be a lot more fun, if we could camp out on the dunes.
101. I love the educational activities for kids and families.
102. I really enjoy trail running when the mountain bike trail is cleaned up and the weeds are lower.
103. I think St Joe would be a great place to host a sprint triathlon.
104. I think that the lakes should be developed into one big lake because this area needs more fishing and boating facilities and get rid of the side by sides and motorcycles tearing up the area.
105. I think working in conjunction with Missouri's Rally Racing network would add to the park. Missouri has a lengthy history of rally and off-road history that could bring in additional guests for a weekend or night from St. Louis.
106. I trace track with jumps and burma for dirt bikes and four-wheelers
107. I use my dirt bike frequently at the park. Having a safe place to ride it would be great. This would mean opening up the single track side and creating narrow gates keeping larger vehicles out.
108. I wish we could bring our lab dog so he can swim as well.
109. I would like to see full size vehicles allowed in the trails. Or add larger trails for full size vehicles
110. I would like to see the kids riding area updated and expanded up into the hill. The track is not a full loop and causes great confusion when multiple families are using it. Kids need safe trails to learn and not be afraid of getting hit by reckless riders.
111. I would love more walking trails.
112. I would love to see Equestrian trails at the Donnelly-LeMear Trailhead. A mountain biking trail would be nice as well.
113. I would really like a dirt bike only section at the park and enforcement on the drugs and alcohol in the ORV area. People are openly drinking and smoking pot in the parking lots Everytime I'm out there. I've been hit 6 times in the last 2 years by quads and sxs. A dirtbike only section would eliminate that risk and

allow us to make single track and trails that won't be destroyed by quads. There are about 10 of us who are Missouri's professional off road racers who train weekly at St. Joe Park.

114. I'm happy with the park.
115. Idk, but would love to see something new.
116. Improved single track for dirt bike riders to safely avoid SxS and quads. More access to the MoMudders riding area near the mine.
117. Interactive nature trail.
118. Interactive visitor center. This place is so busy! I want a good place to stop ask questions and learn and shop. Maybe get. Drink or snack.
119. It would be great to expand the ORV riding area! Currently, it's only about 1/4 of the entire park.
120. It's a picture of our mining history.
121. It's all good.
122. Jeeping.
123. Kayak launch.
124. Kayak rentals.
125. Kayaks/canoes more space for OHV area.
126. Kids play areas.
127. Large picnic and playground area.
128. Leave it like it is.
129. Lodging. We need group Lodging in cabins for regions or get together. More than one cabin.
130. Maybe a concession stand in the summer or mobile one that moves around for period to buy snacks or drinks.
131. Maybe a dog park.
132. Maybe boats and kayaks to rent.
133. Maybe enhance the beach area.
134. More access for single track dirt bike only.
135. More access to the more remote areas.
136. More access to the off-road trails for 4x4 SUVs and trucks.
137. More activities other than ATV riding. Maybe disc golf, more focus on the swimming area, etc.
138. More area for ORV.
139. More ATV trails.
140. More beach.
141. More beginner mountain biking trails. The MTB trail that was great for beginners was closed.
142. More bike trails.
143. More campgrounds with shade. Campground there is great for RVs but need more for tent camping.
144. More children's playgrounds.
145. More dining.
146. More dispersed camping sites on backpacking trails.
147. More equestrian trails.
148. More family activities.
149. More hiking or biking trails from the campground so you don't have to walk on the main roads.
150. More hiking trail options.
151. More hiking trails.
152. More horse camping sites.
153. More horse trails.
154. More horse trails.

155. More horse trails needed and work needs done on the super rocky areas the horses are forced to ride in!
156. More interpretative programs.
157. More jumps!
158. More kids play ground.
159. More miles of equestrian trails please!!!
160. More miles of biking trails.
161. More mountain bike trails.
162. More MTB trails or expand on the existing ones (more features or different options).
163. More mud holes.
164. More obstacles in the ORV area for full size trucks and jeeps.
165. More ORV riding area.
166. More parking everywhere.
167. More paved hiking and biking trails would be appreciated.
168. More picnic areas.
169. More play equipment for children.
170. More playgrounds for kids.
171. MORE PROGRAMS IN THE CAMPGROUND FOR FAMILIES. MOVIE NIGHS, SMORES NIGHTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
172. More readily available materials on the history of the site. Including info signs around the park detailing the history.
173. More services like snacks drinks gas. Full hook up campsites in the ORV camp.
174. More signage on the trails.
175. More stuff on the water.
176. More stuff to do for kids better playground equipment.
177. More swimmable waters.
178. More swimming lakes/beaches!
179. More SXS trails.
180. More tables, grills, softer sand area.
181. More things to do.
182. More trails for horses.
183. More trails specifically for dirt bikes only.
184. More variety of paved biking trails.
185. More walking trails and cleaning the lakes more and kayak rentals.
186. Motocross track and new trails.
187. Mountain bike park.
188. Mountain bike trial with jumps.
189. Need a trail around the whole park that is not so difficult to ride on.
190. Need orv trails worked on. Some are dangerous.
191. Needs advertising and activities like more events.
192. New playgrounds.
193. Nice playground and swim area.
- 194.
195. None but be nicer if could open up a few more miles of main trails for ORV riding.
196. None for this park.
197. None great place.
198. None that I can think of.

199. None the park has a ton to offer.
200. None we love the dirt bike trails.
201. None, lots to do here.
202. None. Just add cabins for rent.
203. Not as excited to visit since the old MTB trail was closed off, the newer trail is terrible.
204. Nothing is missing. At Joe has it all.
205. Nothing! You have it all!
206. ORV racetrack
207. One thing would be a more usable playground at the ORV campground. The step up is really high if you have smaller kids. Our child is 7 and he had a stroke as a baby so they don't have good use of their left arm/hand. The current playground isn't real user friendly for someone with disabilities.
208. One way when riding on trails, I think would help reduce accidents on trail, that why I only ride on weekdays. Thank you!!
209. Open up more ground for ATVs and fishing.
210. Orb racetrack.
211. ORV hill climbing.
212. ORV rave track.
213. ORV rentals and ORV safety courses at the ORV areas AND on the weekend evenings for campers.
214. Outdoor movie screen, floating obstacles or slide for lake.
215. Paddle boat rental.
216. Parks of the park for only dirt bikes.
217. Paved trail connected to Farmington.
218. Pavilions.
219. Pickleball and basketball courts.
220. Pickleball court.
221. Picnic benches and/or benches to sit on near the swimming area.
222. Picnic tables on the beach.
223. Places where dogs can swim.
224. Playground closer to camp sites so small children don't have to travel as far.
225. Playgrounds.
226. Playgrounds for littles at the beach with sun sails.
227. Playground.
228. Please focus on adding active transportation connections between St. Joe State Park and nearby communities! Currently, trails end at park boundaries, but the park is so close to Farmington, Leadington, Park Hills, and West Elvins, cut off by the dangerous barriers of US-67 and MO-32. If MO State Parks worked with municipal neighbors, MoDOT, and the regional planning commission, safe routes across these highway barriers could be identified that allow many more people to directly access the state park by walking/biking/using wheelchairs from their homes. With the highway barriers, this is not currently possible or safe.
229. Provide kayaks for daily/hourly rental use on the lake within a reasonable price range. Also provide life jackets in various sizes for such use.
230. Putting the old bike loop back in to place along with the new loop, so people have different trail options.
231. Raft rentals by the lake so people without trucks can still rent and use to "boat" in
232. Remove the rock and add the sand back
233. Rentable cabins for lodging so more of our family could come that do not own campers.
234. Reopen the trails that have been closed off previously

235. Safe trails.
236. Sand Volleyball.
237. Sand volleyball nets to play.
238. Scouting camping area.
239. Separate ATV from people who don't have them.
240. Separation between dirt bikes and 4 wheelers/SXS. Divide the park one gets one section, other gets the other section. Another suggestion is to make all trails one way only.
241. Shade.
242. Shooting range.
243. Shooting range, archery, motocross.
244. Showers needed at campground#2.
245. Single track trails for dirt bikes.
246. Skeet range.
247. Skeet shooting.
248. Slide.
249. Small convenience store, hot food.
250. Some of the trails I've walked aren't mowed or kept up.
251. Speed limits on trails.
252. Starbucks on the dunes.
253. Store on site.
254. Super swimming with slides and stuff.
255. Swimming.
256. Swimming without bacteria in the water.
257. The bike trail used to be a staple ground of St Joe Park for its uniqueness and length now it is very much too dangerous to even ride slowly for cracks, potholes, and overall deterioration has taken its toll.
258. The Lake /pond area needs to be cleaner.
259. The lead content.
260. The mini peewee track needs to be capped with sand, and possibly add more single track safe for kids. The main area can be tough with SXS, and as far as the swimming area, maybe just a wash house big enough to wash the sand off the feet.
261. The new mountain bike trail layout was obviously made by non-riders. It's awful and I have almost stopped riding it all together. No one will travel to ride it other than for 1 race a year. No flow, no fun.
262. The offer vehicle are destroying the wooded areas.
263. The ORV area needs to be expanded for SXS riding. Long winding trails instead of the "track" that the park currently offers. It's great for motorcycles and quads, but not for SXS's.
264. The park has lots of diverse and great activities, which makes it an enjoyable place to go.
265. The park is great. I especially appreciate the new and improved water hose station for the off-road area. Also, please ensure and enforce that dogs are always kept on leash and not permitted in the ORV area. Dogs are a nuisance in these areas when people let them roam.
266. The playground is not suitable for young kids and there is not anything else for them to do.
267. The park needs a duel trap and skeet field side by side. It would benefit the 4 H shot gun shooters, any other programs like. That. This would be constructed next to the pistol and rifle rsngr. It would open up to all people that would like to shoot trap and skeet and not having to join a private club. It would bring revenue to the business and tons around. When it's developed, all counties around it, could form teams and computer in it. Also other teams by people in the area. I have talked to a lot of people wondering if something would be built. Since the college shut down the shooting fields, there is no place to shoot

unless you join a private club. One has to go to St. Louis or Illinois or travel several miles to shoot. I have been trying to get this built for about 20 years now. I talked to the conservation department I sent messages to previous governor. The buck was passed to someone else. No results. The land has been approved by the EPA and other requirements required the people that run the 4 wheelers dirt bikes, side by sided. Would have another thing they could do when in the area. A lot of people would like to see this approved. There is s drswinh made by Taylor engineering in Farmington. I have a lot of information to help in thr design of it.

- 268. The swimming area could be better.
- 269. There really needs to be a side of the park for motorcycles only. Not only would it help with safety it would also bring a lot of people back to riding there.
- 270. Trails for dune buggies and jeeps.
- 271. Trap/Skeet facility.
- 272. Updated equipment for the playground. Boat rentals would be awesome!
- 273. Volleyball sand court in camping area.
- 274. Water craft rentals.
- 275. Water Hook Up at the camp sites!
- 276. Waterfront camping.
- 277. We love this park and the kids love the swimming.
- 278. We would like to have full hook up campsites. We would enjoy the bike trail. Possibly expanding the bike trail. But the FHU is priority. The lack of them is why we don't camp there.
- 279. Wider paths.
- 280. Wish there was better playground area/ equipment for the kids.
- 281. Would be nice to have a decent skate park in the area. There is none close. A shooting range would be cool too.
- 282. Would like to see information that the water is safe to swim in.
- 283. Would prefer a more peaceful environment, less motor vehicle noise.
- 284. You could remove the damn motorcycles and ORVs. Too much noise and very inconsiderate.
- 285. Zip line.
- 286. Zip lines, sky trams.
- 287. Zip lines would be a great addition to the park.

QUESTION #7:

WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE OR AMENITY, IF ANY, DO YOU FEEL IS MISSING AND SHOULD BE ADDED TO THIS STATE PARK TO ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE?



1. A bathroom with plumbing would be nice. Those bathrooms get pretty stinky in the heat of the summer. It would also be nice to have showers, even if we had to pay for them.
2. A camp store.
3. A concession stand.
4. A convenience store would be nice. It is a way for the park to generate money and handy for visitors. It could have groceries and camping gear.
5. A dirt bike only riding section!
6. A downhill section for mountain biking could draw people. I'm not sure if the terrain or hills support it.
7. A few cabins.
8. A little more shade for summer.
9. A lodge with dining would be great.
10. A lot of the 30 and 50 amp RV sites are very tight for big rig truck and trailer fifth wheel combination
11. A more efficient dining area.
12. A more secluded campground, away from the off road vehicles, with full hookups.
13. A nice place to change diapers. My babies are grown, but makes a HUGE difference having a clean space to get your baby changed.
14. An on-site convenience store would be nice for firewood and other supplies so you don't have to drive all the way back to town.
15. A rinse station and better bathrooms near all beaches.
16. A small shower house at campground 2.
17. A splash pad or safe swim spot.
18. A store, it would make a killing.
19. Add some stuff to the swimming area maybe a slide or floating dock.
20. Adding cabins or other lodging.
21. Additional or upgraded playgrounds.
22. Additional playground by the lake/beach area.
23. Additional water fountains and restrooms with running water along the 11 mile loop.
24. Allow ohv on the park road
25. Any sort of lodging or cabins for camping.
26. Backpacking trails are poor.
27. Bathroom
28. Bathroom in the equestrian park
29. Bathroom vending machines etc.
30. Bathrooms closer to swim area/ stations to wash off sand
31. Bathrooms need work or more often cleaning
32. Bathrooms with a nice toilet and additional water fountains would be appreciated!
33. BBQ pits in OHV area
34. Better area for family swimming
35. Better bathrooms
36. Better bathrooms and a playground down at the bigger lake
37. Better bathrooms and children's play areas.
38. Better beaches
39. Better boat ramps
40. Better changing rooms/bathrooms near the beach.
41. Better playground equipment. Bathrooms are pretty gross. Repair old mine off 32 and give guided tours. Make trail connection to park hills sidewalk and Columbia park. Also into Farmington on maple.

42. Better playgrounds Less lead.
43. Better restrooms and larger beaches at the lakes as on busy days you can't move on them they are so packed.
44. Better restrooms and shower houses Good sand drag strip.
45. Better safety with swim areas / off roaders.
46. Better trail maintenance for horses and trail riding.
47. Better trailer parking for horses
48. Better/more wash stations for cleaning up ORV
49. Bigger campground amphitheater and special use are (Boy Scout camp)
50. bike rentals
51. Bird watching station. A covered place to sit and watch bird feeders.
52. BMX track or pump track for younger generation. Possibly an RC car course or track
53. Boat ramp opollo pond , and .aintained gravet road to jolee lake
54. Boat rentals
55. Bring back food and snacks
56. Bring back the laundry washers and dryers. Very helpful for campers staying more than 1 or 2 nights. Put better hand dryers in the bathrooms.
57. Cabins
58. cabins
59. Cabins
60. Cabins
61. Cabins with access to the ORV area for people who don't have campers or tents.
62. Cabins, boat/kayak rentals, concession stand/food and drinks.
63. Cabins.
64. Calisthenics gym for adults
65. can't think of anything
66. Cannot get into electrical horse camp sites because Non-Equestrian campers take them. They don't understand how their bikes and balls and flying things negatively affect horses.
67. Changing rooms/outdoor shower for rinsing when getting back to sidewalks.
68. Changing stall or beach wash off area.
69. Cheaper discount on seniors camping
70. Clean bathrooms
71. Clean swimming area
72. Clean toilets
73. Cleaner bathrooms
74. Cleaner bathrooms
75. Cleaner changing rooms more present of security
76. Clear a path for easy access to the lakes
77. Clubhouse for orv members.
78. Concession stand/ snack bar at the newer office in parking lot
79. Concession
80. Concession stands
81. Could use an outhouse in the parking area of the old mine building.
82. Digital riding passes available for purchase online. Updated playgrounds and a swimming pool.
83. Dirt bike only section
84. dirt bike only section. someone will get hurt because of side by sides flying through the trails.

85. Dirt bike only
86. Dirt bike only section—single track etc.
87. Disc Golf
88. Disc. Golf
89. Dog beach
90. Dog park
91. Dog park, to keep dogs from jumping at me while I'm on my bike ;)
92. Dog water stations, benches/picnic tables along trail
93. Drinking water
94. Dump station and showers at the equestrian loop.
95. Easier rental options for canoeing, kayaking etc.
96. Equestrian trails need improvements and maintenance. There are many areas that are badly eroded and, in summer, lack of trail clearing make it hard to follow due to brush overgrowth.
97. EXPAND AT LEAST TO HAVE WATER ON SITE (PER CAMPING SPOT)
98. Flush toilets and showers at the equestrian campground
99. Flushing toilets
100. Flushing toilets that aren't filled with bugs
101. Food
102. Food concessions More public restroom area Changing area More dirt bike trails
103. Food service
104. food trucks on nice weekends
105. Food! It would be nice to have food options on the busier weekends. Even inviting food trucks would be awesome. Also, the shower house could use a renovation.
106. Foot sprayer
107. Fueling station for campers
108. Full hook up
109. Full hook up
110. full hook up camping
111. Full hook up camping
112. Full hook up campsites
113. Full hook up for RV's.
114. Full hook ups and cabins
115. Full hook ups in the campground
116. Full hookup and shower house in equestrian camp ground
117. Full hookup and updated campgrounds and many more sites, people come there to bike not just ORV
118. Full hookup camping sites and shower houses in all campgrounds shower
119. Full hookup campsites
120. Full hookups More shower houses
121. Full hookups (water and sewer) at the campsites so we can come for a full week!
122. Good as is
123. Good shower house for campers. A good snack shack or place to get cheap lunch food. People travel for the off-road park, and every off-road park needs one.
124. Group rides
125. hot water in the bathroom sinks and a laundry facility
126. I could use a few more benches along the hiking trail especially on the hills
127. I feel maybe adding more to the museum and more tours would be fun

128. I feel these are well covered.
129. I know it's probably hard to staff and stock, but the food shop in the ORV area was a great idea. Stocking ice there also would be helpful. I'd love to see a food shop that has lunch items other than vending machines.
130. I love the washing stations for the ORV vehicles, but it's a tight squeeze for SXS's
131. I think there needs to be more toilets so there is not so long of a wait to use the bathroom at the lake that swimming is allowed.
132. I thought everything was great.
133. I would like to rent a storage unit to store my ATVs. I'm not sure if I can ride my ATVs from the storage units to the riding area or if I have to load them on a trailer and drive them to the staging area. Seems pointless to rent one if I have to trailer them. Also not sure if there is electric there to leave a battery on a trickle charger. Like I said I don't know about these circumstances since nothing is posted on the website about this, but these are things that would be nice.
134. I would like to see the paved walking/biking trail extended all the way around Monsanto Lake.
135. I'd like to see more dirt bike specific riding space. With the large SXS and large vehicles such as Jeeps trying to go in the woods it makes it less safe for other riders. I'd also like to see more room or an expanded area for kids to ride.
136. I'd love for there to be a playground close to one of the swimming areas. Maybe a sand-rinsing station between sand and parking lot. I always hate how much sand we drag into the car.
137. Improved access to bank fishing the lakes
138. It hasn't been well maintained each time I have visited. The lake is often not swim worthy.
139. It would be great if a playground was closer to the swimming areas. For the kids who don't like swimming/are done swimming for the day.
140. It would be nice if there was an additional mountain bike trail that could be added for a bigger loop and jumps added into the ride for different skill levels
141. It would be nice to have both water and electric on the equestrian side.
142. It's great
143. Just told you in answer above
144. Kayak rental and a family restroom with changing table
145. Keeping the four wheelers and side by sides away from the young kids trying to learn how to ride the wood, without having to worry about a four wheeler or side by side flying down the trail and hitting them.
146. Larger camping area.
147. Laundry.
148. Less degrading of land due to A.T.V. activity.
149. Lodging cabins.
150. Lodging cabins.
151. Lunch could be a little healthier.
152. Make sure the showers are clean and well maintained.
153. Maybe a general store for the campsite.
154. Maybe EV charging.
155. Maybe some overnight cabins.
156. Maybe sufficient pavilion's near the beach to get out of the sun.
157. Modern toilet with sinks for handwashing, water for drinking and cooking, electrical outlets in the seating area.
158. More bathroom access.
159. More bathroom and cleaner swimming.

160. More bathrooms.
161. More bathrooms.
162. More bathrooms for off season camping.
163. More bathrooms in the camping area.
164. More bathrooms wash houses.
165. More BBQ Pits by the swimming area.
166. More biking trails.
167. More camp spots.
168. More Camping sites "electric, water."
169. More campsites.
170. More changing rooms near swimming area and ATV area.
171. More easy trails would be nice. SXS friendly.
172. More electric camp sites.
173. More full hook up sites.
174. More hiking and trail running trails – dirt.
175. More horse camping sites.
176. More horse trails.
177. More of a visitor center for people to see and interact with rangers.
178. More parks of the riding park opened.
179. More pavilion access.
180. More pavilions at beach.
181. More pavilions!!
182. More picnic tables with BBQ pits by the swimming area.
183. More places to get water on 11 paved trail.
184. More playgrounds.
185. More restroom facilities that are ADA compliant in the picnic areas, and more general ranger patrols near the beaches and picnic areas to promote safety enforcement.
186. More shade spots and hot water for the sprayers.
187. More shaded tables around the parking area for riders.
188. More shaded tables at swim areas.
189. More showers for the campers.
190. More single track dirt bike only trails.
191. MORE Single track Dirt Bike TRAILS!
192. More spots to set your food and things while swimming or fishing.
193. More swimming areas.
194. More track and trails.
195. More trails for hiking.
196. More walking and biking trails. More fishing access.
197. More water activities.
198. More water Spigots.
199. More water stations along the bike trail.
200. Museum about our area would be nice.
201. Needs a Starbucks.
202. Needs trails that are not so hard to ride on.
203. New playgrounds.
204. Nicer bathrooms in the riding area's.

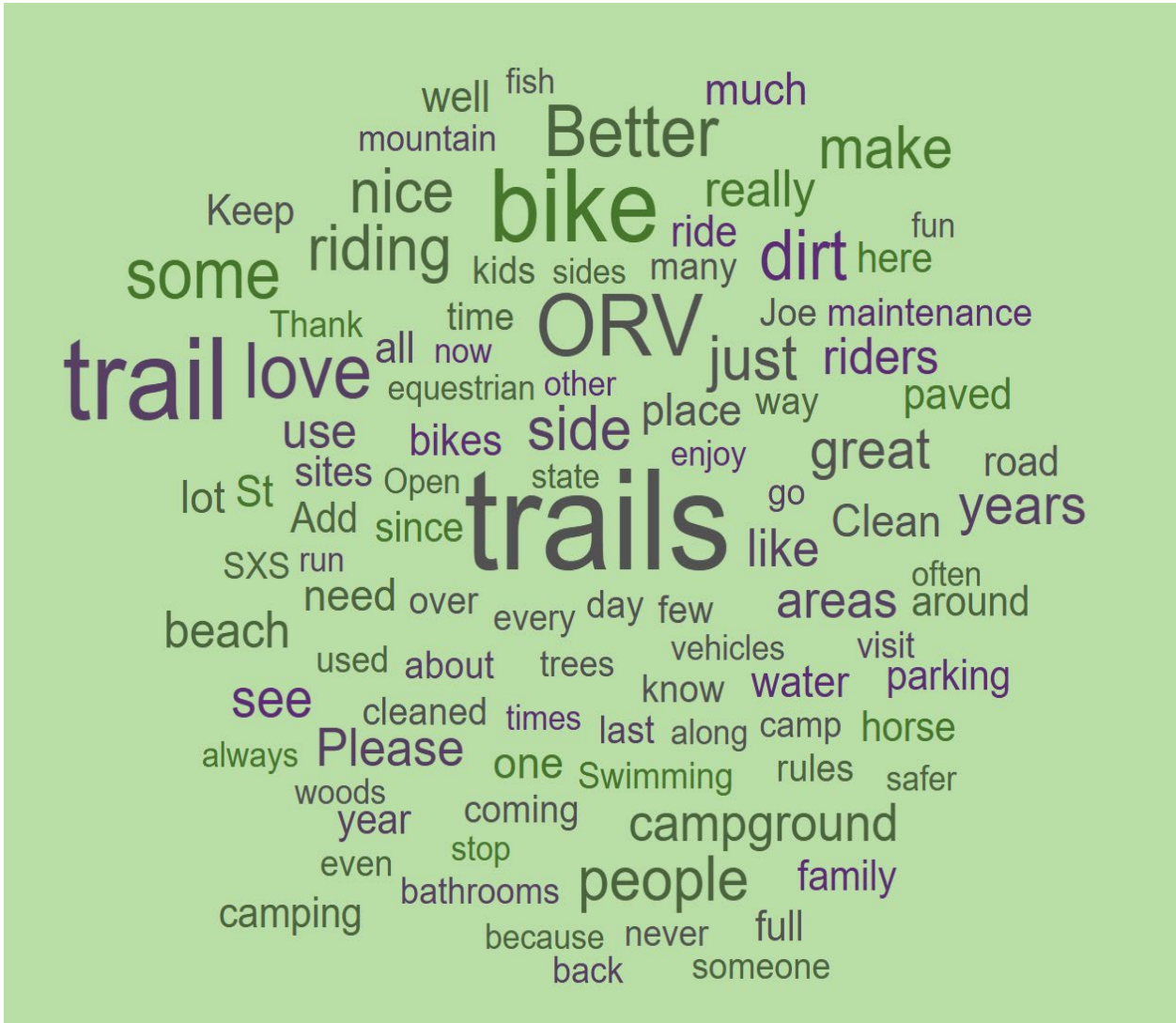
- 205. Nicer restrooms.
- 206. Nicer restrooms at Monsanto Lake. Place to rinse off your feet after getting out of the water.
- 207. None a great place to have fun leave a good thing alone.
- 208. None I love the small feel don't want it to be to big where overcrowding is an issue.
- 209. None that I can think of.
- 210. None.
- 211. None. This is one of the cleanest campgrounds we've been too. Very nice.
- 212. Offer food and drinks were you pay to ride.
- 213. One way paths for ORV's. It is currently dangerous not knowing if someone will be flying straight at you on a path.
- 214. Open bathrooms at all entry points.
- 215. ORV only camp ground to many people camping by trail head that aren't riding.
- 216. ORV race track.
- 217. ORV wash. Cabin rentals. Evening entertainment for registered campers.
- 218. Outdoor showers by the beach to be able to wash off sand.
- 219. Park by the swimming area on the lake.
- 220. Paved trail connected to Farmington.
- 221. Pavilions on the beach to get out of the sun.
- 222. Pergola/picnic spot.
- 223. Play grounds.
- 224. Playground - nature themed.
- 225. Playground by the beach area on the lake would be cool.
- 226. Playground, showers near swim areas. Diving board in swim area.
- 227. Please upgrade the bathrooms.
- 228. Please work with local and state partners to add additional shared-use path or trail connections between the St. Joe State Park boundary, across MoDOT highway barriers (US-67 and MO-32) to neighboring communities. For Park Hills, a protected bicycle/pedestrian connection across the Feeder Mill Rd. overpass (over MO-32) would likely be a priority connection to support safe bike/ped access to the park. For Farmington, a protected bicycle/pedestrian connection across the Maple St. overpass (over US-67) would likely be a priority connection to support safe bike/ped access to the park. In both cases, medians are already there, and low-cost solutions such as plastic flex posts could be implemented to start this process quickly.
- 229. Pool.
- 230. Possible food vending during busy season "summer/fall."
- 231. Public shower house at the lake.
- 232. Real, purpose built, fun Mountain bike trails with features. Trails that actually go up and down the whole hill.
- 233. Regular bathrooms with flushing potties!! We stopped going for this reason.
- 234. Rental cabins would be cool.
- 235. Repave the road into the park (Pimville). It's getting hard to dodge all the potholes and the drop off. Also enforce the speed limit.
- 236. Restaurant.
- 237. Restaurant/ethanol free gas station/higher pressure wash stations for OHVs/downhill mountain bike trails with lifts.
- 238. Restrooms and a park store.
- 239. Restrooms near the swimming areas.

240. Restrooms/showers in the equestrian campground. Not just vault toilets.
241. Rinse station for sand when swimming.
242. Running water in bathrooms near swimming area, flush toilets mainly. Also a place close to the parking lot to rinse off the sand off your feet/body when leaving.
243. Safety, updates, inclusive.
244. Sand hills. Never should have taken them out.
245. See 5 above.
246. Shade. A few small pavilions would be nice best the beaches.
247. Shaded areas.
248. Shaded spots on/near the beaches. Not just for picnic tables. It would also be nice to be able to drive from the campground to the beach without wearing a helmet. It's a lot to get kids in and out just to go to the beach.
249. Shelter house.
250. Should be open till 10 pm for fishing. And need to clean moss form the 2 front lakes.
251. Should build cabins like echo bluff.
252. Shower at lake. Better bathrooms for camping.
253. Shower house and dump station at the equestrian campground.
254. Shower house in equestrian campground.
255. Shower house near beach.
256. Showers.
257. Showers at equestrian campground.
258. Showers at the sidewalks.
259. Showers at the swimming area.
260. Showers by the swimming lakes and ORV area.
261. Showers down near the beach to knock the sand off.
262. Showers?
263. Small store with lunch meats and drinks maybe fishing worms.
264. Snacks, gas, basic staple grocery like items. Better pressure at the wash stations it's great to have them but they do to wash much off.
265. Solar powered ceiling fans under the shelters.
266. Some of the bridges need redone on the walking paths and some of the concrete on the paths need fixed.
267. Steel arch over the entrance to the main gate. "SAINT JOE STATE PARK" on the arch and "WELCOME" straight across from the bottom of the arch set back and tall enough for today's recreational vehicles. All Steel and Tied in with a stone wall on each side with stone unique to the area and square tall columnar stone by the arch and a shorter on each end "left and right sides" and top caps with wall curved towards the arch in a upward fashion from 4 feet to 7 feet. Possibly a few mining relics. One on each side.
268. Stronger WI-FI in the camping area.
269. Swimming pool.
270. Tables closer to beach.
271. The 2 large hills on the horse trails are horrible. A year ago, my horse stumbled going downhill and I was flung off going downhill. It knocked the breath out of me and I was bruised on all my back side. I made a complaint and something was supposed to be done, but never has been. I just received a call from someone by the name of "Carrie", but nothing was done. Another lady I know, broke her leg and another man I know broke his leg. Very dangerous and someone is going to get hurt worse.

272. The bathhouse in Campground 1 is great. But we like campground 2 better and stay there, where there are only vault toilets and no showers :(. Why do horse people get the shaft?? Why do we have to drive 2 miles down the road to take a shower?!?!
273. The beaches need to be taken care of better.
274. The bike trail and the walking trail is why people come to St Joe for the most part other than ATVs trail needs to be resurfaced and made so people will want to come visit St Joe Park again.
275. The Donnelly- LaMear Trailhead needs shade, maybe some more park benches. A swing set for kids maybe.
276. The horseback trails need to have better markings.
277. The main shower house on the ORV camping ground. The push type shower controls are horrible.
278. The park is already amazing, but I think the playground could be updated with grade school age kids in mind. Maybe a basketball hoop or pickle ball court.
279. The roads and condition of the trails are deteriorating.
280. The water is disgusting. I can't believe anyone would fish or swim in it.
281. There needs to be more signs about how much the canoes and kayaks are.
282. Tiny cabins.
283. Toilets.
284. Trail rating
285. Trap/Skeet facility
286. Trash cans in the horse area
287. Turn it into a huge lake
288. upgrade shower facilities
289. Upgraded restrooms and bathrooms - including in the horse camping areas.
290. Upgrades (electric, water, sewer) to campgrounds - especially to the equestrian side!
291. Upkeep
292. Visitor center with history.... Birding area. Loop trail shorter than 2 miles. Bathroom that don't stink and are not wasp infested like they are now
293. Walkway for beach further out because sand is so hot in summer. Better bathrooms at beach and changing area,
294. Water at the RV site
295. Water Hook up for camping!
296. Water hookups at each electrical site would be nice. Having vending ice machines so that campers are dependent on catching the camp host to buy ice.
297. Water slide
298. Water to clean sand off A park for the kids
299. We like the equestrian side with electric, because it's quieter. Needs dumping and s shower house.
300. Welcome center/Gift shop/Map expansion
301. What is the main purpose of park? ATV riding?
302. widen the 11 mile paved bike loop
303. Wi-Fi
304. Wi-Fi in the campground would be nice.
305. Would be nice to add a few more ATV trails.
306. Would love a hiking/mountain biking trail around the lake.
307. Year round showers.
308. Zip lining.

QUESTION #8:

DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATE
PARK?



1. Paved bicycles trail should be cleared of debris after storms and when acorns or falling.
2. 50 inches or less for the entire park. I have been coming to ST Joe since I was 5 years old in 1993. Back then only ATVs and dirt bikes were allowed in the woods. Since the invention of side by sides, the trails are much more torn up and it seems most side by side operators are inconsiderate and uninformed of trail etiquette. And they are just too dangerous to be around, especially for those of us with small children out here riding. Also of course please please expand the ORV area, I have seen so much of this park closed off compared to when I was a kid.
3. A pamphlet at check in with information about the park and the recreational activities would be cool! We've done the geese information session and the kids LOVED it!
4. A track with jumps for dirt bikes and four-wheelers would be awesome.
5. Add areas outside of the current ORV area for motorcycles only.
6. Add cabins.
7. Add day use picnic areas.
8. Adding more horse trails.
9. All the rock really hurt the place it was far better 10 years ago.
10. Allow ATVs to drive to the park. Not just trailer them to the park.
11. Allow OHV on the road to get to the park.
12. Although I've never attended this park but once in my 62 years of living in Missouri, I do know what I would like to see in a State Park.
13. An annual pass for the off road area would be nice. You could require check in to know who is in the park.
14. Arrows should be painted on blacktop with speed limit also so people know what way to drive.
15. Awesome park and great, friendly staff! We wish this could be a summer vacation destination for our family and friends instead of just a long weekend.
16. Be cool if the park hosted more events!
17. Before the pandemic when you pulled into the park someone greeted you at the guard shake. The host used to come by and check in and make sure everything was ok and if you needed anything. It's so impersonal now, like you don't care about your visitors anymore.
18. Better beach area. Pavilions.
19. Better bathrooms at the beach. Possibly cleaner lake water?
20. Better bathrooms in Campground 2.
21. Better mapped/marked mountain bike trails. With miles posted.
22. Better policing of the parking lot in the ORV area.
23. Better signage when sections are closed.
24. Better signs, we get lost almost every time we're there. Open more riding trails.
25. Better trail maintenance for horseback riding.
26. Better upkeep. It's not as nice and well-kept like when we first started coming here 7 years ago.
27. Cabinet ministers.
28. Can we upgrade the bathrooms?
29. Clean the lake.
30. Clean the Lakes.
31. Clean up the lakes better.
32. Clean up the piles of and scattered glass.
33. Cleaner bathrooms by the beach
34. Cleanliness. Cleaner, the better.
35. Clear some of the trees and stumps near some of the 30 and 50 amp RV side so that the larger units can get in and out without having to back in to a full in site.

36. Consider working with Amtrak to advocate for an Amtrak Station for the Texas Eagle in Park Hills, which would bring additional visitors to the park. Arcadia Valley added an Amtrak Station in 2016 and this has been successful for tourism and to bring connections to neighboring state park sites. De Soto is also looking to add a Texas Eagle stop in their community.
37. Definitely should consider a youth area for the kids.
38. Difficult to book campsites.
39. Dirt bike only area.
40. Dirt bike only section added to the ORV area Add drinking fountain at the lower pimville bike trail The bike trail over the last few years has not been kept up as well as previous years
41. Dirt bike only
42. Don't require a full size pickup to have a flag just to get across the ORV area to fish a lake
43. Easier access to all the lakes and fishing areas. Also, the roads are full of potholes and horrible. I probably need a front end alignment just from driving through.
44. Enforce the rules on people parking in the grass. Have park rangers drive around more and interact with guests.
45. Enforce the rules! As a frequent camper, enforcement of the rules has gone downhill. It seems campers and ORV riders do as they please. Rules are also not being enforced on the beach
46. Enhance the fishing, perhaps. Better fish habitat, stocking. Overall, this is a great park, balancing the needs of the off road vehicle folks, campers, hikers, bikers, swimmers, etc. very well. I appreciate the regular controlled burns which keep down the invasive plants and keep the woods natural.
47. Finish the kids track. Hard to teach an eight year old to ride when he's got basketball sized boulders blocking the trail and it doesn't even make a full loop. The north entrance is really cool. But it needs access year round. We try to use that entrance now for day riding. It's less popular and we can also ride our dual sports into town.
48. Fix the main road it beats you to death
49. For the most part is very clean
50. Free off-road riding tickets for each day you are camping there
51. Full hookup camping and updated campgrounds and many more sites are needed... getting a site for a 40" motorhome is almost impossible
52. Get a calisthenics gym
53. Get rid of the Kayakers, they seem too think it's ok to paddle and bother people fishing off the bank on Monsanto lake.
54. Get rid of the lead.
55. Get Wi-Fi for the campground otherwise it's awesome.
56. Gift shop.
57. Goose poop along swim beach should be cleaned more often.
58. Great beach area. Clean water.
59. Great park love the trails. Wish some of the hiking trails were not shared with horses, or if there was more backpacking trails free from horse manure.
60. Great park. Entering and leaving from the parking lot to the park, starting to see riders going a little too fast for safety's sake. A few very, very loud mufflers also rolling through. Straight pipes. I'd prefer to have that controlled if possible.
61. Great place overall but of course more would always be nice.
62. Hiking trail could have more visible markers.
63. Honestly dirt bike Sanctioned areas would be a huge hit. The trails get blown out by over eager 4wheels so quick.

64. I always worry about the high amount of lead exposure to people that visit.
65. I believe it would be safer if you separated the Side By Side and ATV trails and make dirt bike only trails. Side by sides take up the entire path and had numerous situations of getting forced off trail by a Side by side not willing to share or yield to other riders.
66. I feel the ORV portion of the park is being squeezed down further and further over the years. We don't want the sand covered with gravel and we don't want more of the trails fenced off.
67. I have an event out there every year and it is increasingly too hard to have. More people ask and want it but takes too much to get it passed
68. I have been visiting St. Joe state park since the mid-90s it has always been a nice well-kept park. However the last few years there is virtually no staff there in the park or campground. The campground has been dirty the last few times we've stayed. The fire pits have had half burnt garbage in them and the bathrooms/showers have been filthy. They used to get cleaned multiple times a day. The last holiday weekend we stayed there for 3 days and the showers never got cleaned all weekend. We also had a cooler stolen from someone in our group. It's just very sad to see the lack of maintenance and anyone enforcing rules there these days.
69. I love St Joe Park and the activities it provides. I am so glad that it close to home for me.
70. I love that most of the trails are paved, making it easy for bike riding, hiking, or even walking my dogs.
71. I love the bike trail! Dirt and paved.
72. I love the wild flowers that bloom along the paved bike trail! So many and so pretty! I think the controlled burns have really helped them grow.
73. I love this park it's a great place to have fun with the family.
74. I suggested a trail be made by the side of these 2 big hills and was told the land was sacred and could not be touched. Then, how were the trails made in the first place? It would only take a couple days to make a trail beside those hills. I don't see that as a big deal. I was very disappointed that nothing has been done since the fall I had. Luckily, my horse didn't run away with my foot in the stirrup.
75. I think the mine side of the park should be opened up to only dirt bikes in addition to the current ORV area. That would increase the attractiveness of the park to the dirt bike community and give us a safer area.
76. I think this is a pretty good park with a variety of amenities and opportunities to pursue different recreational activities.
77. I use a 72" wide UTV often here, I've heard discussions and rumors the last few years about restricting this size machine usage at the park and 100% against this potential rule change. Modern UTVs are becoming wider than the 64" or less rules that I've heard discussed, changing this rule would really displace many users opportunities to use this park and don't really understand the reason for doing it. If you're trying to keep highway vehicles off the trails then say that but limiting the width also limits a lot of UTVs that are already very limited in where they can legally ride already.
78. I wasn't aware the park offered rock climbing until seeing it on this survey.
79. I wish there was a way to ride dirt bike outside of the ORV boundaries but I know that isn't really feasible. Sanctioned rides outside the boundaries. Tours regarding some of the structures scattered about the property.
80. I would go more often if the water quality in the lake wasn't so questionable.
81. I would love some more trail running options at the park. The off-road trail running where the mountain bikes ride is so much fun. More trails please!
82. If we could only do one thing at the park it would be the horse riding. It's the best.
83. If you add more ORV trails it's going to stop being a park....

84. If you are camping and don't have ORVs you shouldn't be able to camp at campground 1 it crowds the park and riders can't camp.
85. Is there a washer and dryer for the public?
86. It has gone drastically downhill last few years. Was in the day use area over the weekend and it was full of trash. Picnic tables full of trash. Trash cans full. Employees VERY rude. Rangers seemed pretty cool at least.
87. It is one of the last state parks we are to visit. Reputation as an ATV, noisy, dusty place. Not a good place to camp.
88. It is too noisy, the motorcycles and ORVs are not respectful of anyone.
89. It is very crowded. Glad it's popular but getting difficult to use.
90. It is well maintained and managed.
91. It very nice, and close to me love that part.
92. It would be nice to have a food truck or ice cream snack are.
93. It would be nice to have good maps of mountain bike trails.
94. It's a nice park and we love coming every year.
95. It's in a super fund site for contamination lead dust. Even in summer swim area has to shut down due to bacteria.
96. It's very nice and I enjoy spending time there.
97. Just short of banning the side by sides. Opening more wooded areas back up for dirt bikes and 4 wheelers only.
98. Just that a lot of benefits could come from opening up the mine side just for dirt bikes.
99. Just would like to see a more user friendly playground for ones with smaller kids and/or kids with disabilities.
100. Keep St. Joe. It's a gem in MO.
101. Keep the old guys from "cruising" on the hiking trails. I wish this was a joke.
102. Keep the park.
103. Keep the public safe and let the people firing weapons find their own training sites.
104. limit the size of utv on trails they are too big and tear up trails.
105. Live within the park boundaries. Worse it has ever looked. Roads are horrible, grass along main road is very unkempt. Also, can't drive thru campgrounds without a reservation yet homeless sneak out of the woods every day.
106. Lots of trees down right now that are too big to go over.
107. Love the bike trail, maybe a few more signs along the way could be nice in both directions, seems people go both ways so some signs are missed.
108. Love the equestrian campground.
109. Love this park.
110. Make main trails one way.
111. Make OHV area Bigger.
112. Make sure someone is at the main gate when you come in. Not everyone is there to ride and for some people this is their first time to the park. Find a way to clean the water up so we can swim without so much bacteria or the chance of it being closed.
113. Make sure the propane doesn't run out so your paying visitors can have hot showers.
114. Maybe markers identifying different trees or plants. Fun facts about the park while you walk.
115. Maybe more parking for horse trailers.
116. Maybe some beach umbrellas available?
117. More camp sites.

118. More horse camping sites.
119. More horse trails needed and work needs done on the super rocky areas the horses are forced to ride in!
120. More law enforcement presence.
121. More lodging at all of the parks, but this one too.
122. More ORV Trail maintenance would be nice.
123. More playground cleaner bathroom and changing houses.
124. More security.
125. More sites.
126. More work on trails and cleaning of bicycle trail.
127. My family and friends have riding ST. Joe since it was Flat River. Best ORV Park around, but you keep reducing the ORV area. Thank you, happy rider.
128. My friends and family love the trails. But some of the massive side-by-sides that goes through the trails are far too wide, fast and reckless. They come around corners with no room for oncoming Trail traffic to avoid. And some of the ruts they create on the trails are impossible for bikes to navigate. There may as well be cars or trucks out on the trail. I would suggest side-by-side stay on flatlands only. Just my opinion, though.
129. My husband and I love the park but have seen an increase in safety issues such as riders without helmets or SXS riders taking alcohol into the woods. I'm glad everyone can have fun but there should be more enforcement so folks don't get hurt. Width restrictions on trails would be nice as well for rider safety. Especially since a lot of young or inexperienced ride the wider trails where other vehicles tend to cruise like it's a highway. There's also a lot of down trees due to erosion from larger vehicles so I'd like to see some restrictions to promote conservation of the riding area.
130. My one and only request is just some updated bathrooms! I know it's probably hard to have any toilet other than a pit toilet, but it really freaks people out to go to the bathroom when there's huge beetles in the bottom of the toilet.
131. Need signs everywhere regarding driving under the influence. I have smelled a lot of marijuana in the camp grounds and day use parking lot. It's getting bad.
132. Needs better fish management in the lakes 100 percent. Over populated.
133. Needs better trail markings
134. Nicer staff
135. No motorized scooters/bikes in horse camping area
136. No side by sides. They
137. No, thank you for all yall do!
138. Non equestrian should only be allowed when there are no other sites available and they should have to follow certain guidelines for everyone's safety.
139. Nope I love it
140. Nope, I love what you've done with the park
141. not really it's great
142. Open up the museum side of the park for motorcycles only!
143. Opening new ORV areas and one direction on trail 100
144. Organized children's programs more than once a year.
145. Orv race track.
146. Park staff members are great! Appreciate all they do.
147. Patrol more frequently. Some sketchy vehicles sometimes.
148. Patrol the ORV park regularly or even just weekends/holidays. Plenty of people get drunk and drive around and it's quite dangerous.

149. Pave the bike trail, it's falling apart.
150. Pimville road is in horrible shape. The recent attempts to replace culverts show a lack of experience by whoever did it. The culverts are never cleaned out and are the cause of some of the recent flooding of the road. You're never able to find anyone to report any bike trail issues or ask questions. The quality and quantity of customer service has seriously plummeted.
151. Playground needs updated/improved. A playground with shade near Monsanto beach area would be nice.
152. Please fix the equestrian trails and add more trails and clearly mark them
153. Please implement a with restriction on SXS's on the trails
154. Please make a bike path connecting campground 2 to the 11 mile loop
155. Please make trails one direction. One way trails are safer and more fun because you don't have to worry about someone coming around a corner and hitting you head on.
156. Please resurface the bike trail.
157. Please, please more dirt bike single track trails. It's dangerous out there for us sharing trails with SXS's.
158. Police the area better & make it safer for visitors.
159. Put in some nice bathrooms and more family oriented areas.
160. Quit closing it down.
161. Quit making the ORV RIDING AREA SMALLER EVERY YEAR.
162. Riding ORV from campground 1 /to equestrian campground. In and out only not everyone has another vehicle once parked with RV.
163. Safer water area.
164. Sand quality is typically not good.
165. See #5 also, improved promotion of the Mines Museum.
166. See above comments.
167. Should not have to trailer UTV to campground.
168. Showers that do not need to be pressed on several times but rather run continuously.
169. Signage for the kids riding area. Doesn't affect me personally, but I get asked often when I'm there.
170. Some of the bridges need redone on the walking paths and some of the concrete on the paths need fixed
171. Some trail maintenance ORV.
172. Spend more money here it's a great park and past time.
173. Splash pad would be amazing!
174. Spots with maps of the area for others to see where they are and how to get other places from there.
175. Stellata natural area mowing reduction along bicycle trail reduces usability in the summer months. Ticks, chiggers and weeds should not be a major concern when you are on the paved trail but it has become single lane in recent summers.
176. Stop allowing SXS's, they are fuckin everything up.
177. Swimming should be off limits at all times. Restrooms are disgusting every single visit.
178. Swimming should not be allowed. The water is not safe for children there.
179. Swimming should stop at 5 pm to help people that are fishing.
180. Thank you for making this park a great place to visit.
181. Thank you to our park rangers, hosts and everyone who works hard to provide us with a great park and a safe, recreational area!
182. The 11 mile bike loop could use more maintenance- trees are causing the pavement to be uneven. Also the dirt bike riding area needs to be separate from the SXS area- I have several dirt bike riders in our family that enjoy riding at ST. Joe, but it is becoming increasingly dangerous for them to be on the trails Dirt bike riders encounter SXS riders that are not cautious or even worse have been drinking. My suggestion would be a separate trail system for the SXS riders.

183. The asphalt trail is much rougher than it was at one time.
184. The beach needs to be cleaned.
185. The beach water needs cleaned- you need to remove the seaweed and all the trees in the water, not very safe for swimming
186. The best overall State Park camping facility I have ever been to.
187. The bike trail has to be one of the nicest off street bikes trails in the state. It is probably too narrow but a professional race would be awesome to see.
188. The bike trail needs to be repaved. It's in poor condition in many areas.
189. The LaMear Donnelly trailhead is not consistently open. Also you should be able to book single nights of camping.
190. The noise from the motorized vehicles make hiking unattractive.
191. The ORV check in / store needs to be relocated to where you have to pass it to get into the area regardless of the season. I've heard of too many people taking advantage of the honor system and not paying for their permit. Employees have even confirmed that. It has also been unclear that you were supposed to stop up top to get a permit then you get to the parking lot and realize the shack at the bottom isn't open due to season. Love the place but that's poorly planned.
192. The ORV permits should go away and make the revenue by simply adding it to the daily charge because I don't have to claim side by sides on my personal property but because of your ORV permits I do have to which I got to pay more taxes on it besides the fee for the permit.
193. The ORV riding area could be expanded. This great park has so much more than what is accessible by ORV's.
194. The Park is always clean.
195. The park needs more mountain biking trails.
196. The park needs to be kept clean.
197. The pave bike loop is not well kept and needs to be kept clean and save. it is starting to get many uneven areas from tree roots.
198. The paved bicycle trail needs the brush and overgrowth cut back in places.
199. The paved bike/hiking trail is damaged in areas from tree roots, really needs repaved in areas.
200. The paved walking/biking trail is worn out and needs resurfacing.
201. The playgrounds should be updated.
202. The Road needs more patrol. People are driving way to fast because they don't patrol it enough.
203. The shower houses at campground 1 are really nice!
204. The Staging area use to be better Maintained.
205. The water is constantly gross and always having some kind of warning. We stopped going years ago.
206. There is a lot of trash and poop in the swimming area making it a slight hazard to visit.
207. There needs to be a dirt bike only section.
208. They do a great job.
209. This is a beautiful park upgrade just a little and it would bring in more tourist and campers. Trust me.
210. This park could become a destination for the Midwest SXS community if it was something similar to the Interlake area in southern Indiana.
211. This park provides so much benefit for so many people.
212. This park would be better used by the equestrian community if trails were better maintained. The parking area is nice but trails not so much.
213. Too noisy wit ORV.
214. Trails could use more maintenance.
215. Trails need maintenance.

216. Try to limit the SXS in the trails. Open Elvin's hill climb area back up if possible.
217. Updates to equipment.
218. Vault toilets need to be cleaned regularly.
219. Very thankful to live nearby and use the park as frequently as I can.
220. Very well run. Please increase enforcement of restricted activities in the ORV parking area (speeding on dirt bikes and ATVs, spinning tires, etc.)
221. We all used to try to fish here but never catch anything so would like to see it stocked better for the family members that are fish obsessed.
222. We enjoy the park!
223. We have been coming to this park for over 50 years, rules are in place but need to be enforced.
224. We love spending time here and appreciate everything the park staff does!
225. We love the paved bike trail.
226. We love the scenery and how soft the sand is yet when we go, people smoke, leave cans and make it more of a girls gone wild video than a family park. More signage with penalties for rule breakers and a ranger to patrol would be effective at beach sites.
227. We love visiting St. Joseph park.
228. We used to enjoy swimming there, but the beaches are usually littered (including drug paraphernalia like used syringes) so we don't take the children there now.
229. We visit several times a year and enjoy St. Joe very much.
230. We would consider camping here but with no access to the non-ORV campground to assess if we'd like to camp here, we are unlikely to do so.
231. We would definitely like to see more information / tour guides / knowledge on the mines. Someone that can tell you what the buildings and different shafts were, not just at the historic site but around the whole park. More history on the local mining area as well.
232. Well run.
233. We've been coming for three years now with our 4-H Mountain Bike Club. Your location is the only place nearby with shorter trails for mountain biking and we really appreciate it. However, since the reroute of the blue trail, it's not beginner friendly...to the point that we're looking for alternatives. I also called the first year to see if our club could volunteer time since we were using the grounds so often, but was told to volunteer I'd have to talk to someone else and be approved. I called that person but never received a call back. We truly appreciate the resources and know firsthand that maintaining trails is a huge undertaking. Thank you for offering this.
234. When leaving and coming into the riding area they need to slow down and not race when leaving the gate into the park.
235. When there I've enjoyed it
236. Width restriction on trails.
237. Woods maintaining.
238. Yes. I know accidents will happen with recreational machines and riders, but separating the 2 riding styles of motorcycle and 4 wheel ATV seems like a no brainer! Thank you!!!
239. Yes add a Starbucks.
240. Yes they should be 2 people allowed on the ATVs must a certain area because they are parent trying to teach their kids to ride
241. Yes, make the bike trail competitive in its appearance and overall structure as those around our area like St. Louis. The trail is just been ignored for years.

QUESTION #9:

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING MISSOURI
STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES?



1. Access to riding to mining area at ST. Joe.
2. Add cabins to here and St. Francois.
3. Add playground to Bollinger mill.
4. All I've seen are great except the way St Joe is ran and maintained.
5. Allow golf carts!! My parents don't get to go with us now because they use walkers and it's too far. This rule has ruined their family time. Ridiculous!!
6. Archery only hunting areas in designated parts of the park.
7. Aside from playgrounds, we need to engage children more in the parks. Along the paths you could add nature signs, log tic tac toe or Jenga, mounted binoculars, anything to spark engagement and excitement in the park with things other than the playgrounds.
8. Better bath rooms.
9. Better trail maintenance for horseback riding. The last couple of years has gone downhill.
10. Better website for planning camping trips.
11. Better Wi-Fi is needed in most parks we have visited.
12. Can you open a trail to the mine slurry either horseback, or biking?
13. Clean the water up.
14. Do more!
15. Don't put them on contaminated sites that should have been bought out due to high content of mercury in water and lead.
16. Equestrian groups might be happy to help develop trails!
17. Excellent place to ride!
18. Fill the parks with campsites and trails. Create better opportunities to fish and more paved bike paths as well as more mountain biking. Also more boating opportunities and horseback riding concessionaires.
19. Free for veterans, camping, and boat rentals.
20. Fun to visit.
21. Get more involved with the visitors. Be visible. Be available. Be more personal with your visitors. No one walks around anymore just to check in. It feels like, give us your money and bye.
22. Get rid of the lead.
23. Great Park one up more trails.
24. Great parks.
25. Hire more staff.
26. I am very appreciative of the MO parks system. We float/kayak a lot on the rivers.
27. I got say this a beautiful park, always clean and always friendly staff. One of the best I think in MO.
28. I love MO state parks.
29. I love that this 8s the only park that offers off road riding but someone needs to look add the rules to have events.
30. I love them!
31. I really appreciate the upgrades to the bathrooms in the OHV area as it makes it a nicer area and more comfy. It's great to see the staff down there as well and taking an active interest in what's going on.
32. I spend 90% of my free time in parks and the other 10 sleeping. Nothing compared to the peace of a natural area.
33. I visit them all and we have great places to go in MO.
34. I would like to also suggest that it would be extremely nice if a parking spot could be made where the trails begin on the other side of the road. (Takes about an hour to get to that point. The trails are great there.
35. I would like to see other(s) or at least (1) additional park possibly add ORV trails to its current offerings.

36. I would love to see a trail to the historic mine site from the riding area. That way we can utilize the shooting range from the camp grounds. I have a motorhome and can never go there.
37. I'm not sure if the two night minimum applies to all state parks, if so that should change
38. I'm proud of our Missouri and this park is worth the investment.
39. It's beautiful! Love the beach and water! Love the grass area and paved walking trail!
40. Just a lot of idiots in the parking lot spinning donuts in the gravel on their four wheelers, throwing rocks on vehicles. Just stupid because they have all that sand to do it, but they can't figure it out.
41. Just clean restrooms every 2 hours.
42. Just that the people needs to do better on taking care of their own trash.
43. Keep at it! We love it!
44. Keep doing great work.
45. Keep them open.
46. Keep up the good work doing great.
47. Kids only ATV area for their small dirt bikes or big wheels. Better signage. Boat rentals near the beach, I tried to rent a boat and couldn't find anyone to help me.
48. Love Missouri Parks.
49. Love that the trails are maintained. Thank you!!
50. Love the park would love an archery range, you guys do a great job.
51. Love the parks.
52. Love them THANK YOUUUUUUU.
53. Love them!
54. Maintenance is the biggie. Babler Park is falling apart. Roaring River bathrooms and showers (at least in campground 1) are getting really bad, a retaining wall there is falling apart.
55. Making more horse trails.
56. Many of the historic CCC era buildings and structures are deteriorating and it seems little effort is being made to maintain them. Where is any funding going?
57. Missouri has so many beautiful parks, more campsites. Because with reservations so many people no show and keeps site closed for someone who could be using it.
58. Missouri has some of the best local, state and national parks in the country. The ethos in MO is that regardless of political persuasion, we strive to be friendly to visitors and provide excellent services to our fellow citizens.
59. Missouri state parks needs a moratorium on new land acquisition so you can do the upkeep and repairs of the existing state parks.
60. Missouri's State Parks and historic sites make me proud to have been born and raised here. Preserving nature/history and making it accessible to as many people as possible is a worthwhile mission.
61. More access to trails for horses and camping sites that are equestrian friendly.
62. More areas to dirt bike would be nice.
63. More children friendly.
64. More cleaning in the bathroom.
65. More family entertainment.
66. More homeschool lessons that are inclusive to families with children of multiple ages.
67. More horse camping sites.
68. More ORV riding areas.
69. Most of the fencing in the ORV area could cause a serious high speed accident.
70. My family enjoys our state parks.

71. My husband and I go camping all over the world. We go to areas of concern areas of beauty, areas of tranquility, areas of above the owls in the areas of Christianity and the owls of the Earth we go to at all that's it.
72. Night fishing opportunities would be great.
73. No. Just Starbucks.
74. None other than keep doing what you're doing because they are BEAUTIFUL!
75. Open more ORV trails at other locations.
76. Outside of what I mentioned. It was / is a great riding place.
77. Park rangers should be there to help.
78. Pickle ball courts, pickle ball courts, please. Thank you.
79. Please always enforce the leash ordinance on dogs in these historic sites. Dog people otherwise let their dogs free roam and they are being a nuisance, running up to people, barking and attacking people and wildlife. The leash ordinance must be enforced for the safety of all! The same goes for dog waste. It is a nuisance and toxic for the environment! Thanks.
80. Please keep them places we can enjoy trail riding with our horses.
81. Please look to two incredible examples of MO State Park sites working with community partners to develop trail connections between neighboring state park sites and their communities. The Forest lake Area Trail System now links Kirksville to Thousand Hills State Park, and the Missouri Spirit Trail now links Warrensburg and Knob Noster to Knob Noster State Park. Please continue this incredible momentum!
82. Please preserve all the old mining structures that exist in this park.
83. Please shorten the reservation window. One year out is too long.
84. Put dirt bikers in priority.
85. Really good.
86. Redesign the campsite reserve system.
87. Repair old mine off 32 and give guided tours.
88. Restroom Shower upgrade to all. Although Robertsville is pretty nice.
89. See previous.
90. Some of the bridges need redone on the walking paths and some of the concrete on the paths need fixed.
91. St. Joe State Park is a great experience.
92. Thank you for providing these parks for us all to experience and they are free!
93. The beach water needs cleaned- you need to remove the seaweed and all the trees in the water, not very safe for swimming.
94. The historic site needs to open more tours.
95. The more amenities at the parks and more parks would bring in more visitors. As an off roader more facilities would be great. The best example is the Arches in Utah. I know this is a federal park but a park like it in southwest Missouri would be a great tourist attraction.
96. The riding area for the little kids is awesome 👍
97. The use of marijuana should be banned and if it is, then more park rangers are needed to monitor the situation. The smell in the campground is overwhelming at times.
98. There is a boom in Missouri with youth MTBing. St Joe was a race destination 500+ student athletes, but it was a one and done. It's a shame because now the league has over 700 student athletes and continues to grow. Our team would visit more with better trails.
99. There used to be some sort of Native American event in the field across from the horseback riding parking lot that I have fond memories attending as a kid.
100. They all need cabins for family reunion, get together for overnight stays.
101. They are a crown jewel to this state and an integral economic contributor.

102. They are awesome!! Keep up the funding for these programs!
103. Update campgrounds and make more sites... getting reservations is near impossible anymore
104. Very nice, they need to stay open to the public.
105. Vulgar, inappropriate language has caused me to choose other options for the location of my swimming activities. Would love a more wholesome environment for my grandchildren. I love the park and its swimming areas but this has become more of an issue recently.
106. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into making these parks great, thank you!
107. We are lucky to have such a great park like ST. Joe. I feel the staff really works hard to maintain a terrific riding area. Also there have been so many great improvements to the ORV area at St. Joe state park that really make the park a wonderful experience.
108. We are trying to camp at all Missouri State Campgrounds. Some are better than others.
109. We do enjoy nature walks at the park
110. We enjoy biking the trails as well as riding dirt bikes in the park- The new Donnelly Trail has been a great addition and has been used frequently by our family and many friends- camping on the Donnelly entrance would be an added bonus.
111. We enjoy our Mo State Parks often. Keep up the great work!
112. We have beautiful and well maintained Parks in this State. I frequently visit many of them. I look forward to seeing what improvements are made.
113. We love all the state parks in our area and use them weekly!
114. We love state park and historic sites - I don't remember having any frustrations with St. Joe. I would not have my kids swim due to the mining hx and worry about heavy metals.
115. Won't let you take cooler on beach for backs and drinks for kids.
116. Wonderful.
117. Would like to see electric and water expanded in horse camp as well.
118. Yes please make a dirt bike only section with plenty of single track
119. You have a nice facility. Well maintained and staffed
120. You need to do more for backpackers; all backpacking trails seem like an afterthought

